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Rev. H. E. Brooks, D. D.....Eufaula, Ala.
" A. F. Dix.....Pine Grove, "
" Ira E. Myers.....Zeigler, "
" W. N. Reeves, D. D.....Eufaula, "
" M. P. Reynolds.....Midway, "
" H. R. Schramm.....Midway, "
" N. C. Underwood.....Brundidge, "

OFFICERS.

Rev. N. C. Underwood, Moderator.....Clayton, Ala.
Geo. B. Davis, Clerk.....Eufaula, "

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order. Devotional Exercises conducted by Moderator.
3. Read Letters and Enroll Delegates.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Application for Membership.
6. Appointment of Committees to report at this session: 1, Religious Exercises; 2, State of the Churches; 3 Finance; 4, Nominations; 5, Baptist Orphans' Home.
7. Receive Correspondents from Associations—Bethel, Centennial, Columbus, Judson, Montgomery, Newton, Selma, Tuskegee, Harris, Columbia and Summer Hill.
8. Receive Agents of Boards and Visitors.
9. Report of Executive Committee.
10. Report on Education.
11. Call for Correspondence.
12. Report on Missions: 1, State Missions; 2, Home Missions; 3, Foreign Missions.
13. Apportionment.
14. Woman's Work.
15. Orphans' Home.
16. Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers.
17. Return Correspondents.
18. Report on Temperance.
19. Report on Ministerial Education.
20. Report on Sabbath Schools.
21. Missionary Sermon.
22. Report on State of the Churches.
23. Report on Bible and Colportage Work.
24. Report on Obituaries.
25. Report on Special Committees.
26. Report on Nominations.
27. Report on Finance Committee.
28. Miscellaneous Business.
29. Final adjournment.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Adopted at its organization, November 13th, 1854.

We, the Church of Jesus Christ, having been regularly baptized upon a profession of faith, were hereby constituted an Association under the above title upon the following principles, or

Abstract of Faith:

1. We believe in one only true and living God—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—and that these three are one.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
5. We believe in man's incapacity to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by any exertion of his own free will.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.
9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the only mode of baptism is by immersion.
10. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and that the joys of the righteous will be everlasting.
11. We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances, except such as have been regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of a presbytery.

Decorum.

Article 1. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our Union, shall compose the Association.

Art 2. The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Eufaula Baptist Association.

Art. 4. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage; nor by which they can infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

ART. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present. The Clerk shall act as Treasurer also.

ART. 6. If new churches desire to be admitted into this Union, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 7. No church in this Association shall have more than two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and one for every twenty-five thereafter.

ART. 8. Any church may ask advice of the Association, as an advisory council, but the advice shall not be considered authoritative in matters where the peace of the church is concerned.

ART. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

ART. 10. Every member who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking except he depart from the subject.

ART. 11. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, without leave of the Association.

ART. 12. There shall be no talking or whispering during a public speech, nor reflections cast upon the speaker.

ART. 13. No member shall exempt himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

ART. 15. If any member shall break the Rules of Decorum he shall be reprimanded by the Moderator.

ART. 15. It shall be the business of this Association—

1st. To provide for the general union of the churches.

2nd. To keep up a correspondence with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

3rd. To give the churches the best advice in matters of difficulty; and if the communication should be broken between any of the sister churches in the Union, to inquire into the cause of the breach, and use their best endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches whom they should look upon as unsound in principle or immoral in practice, till such church or churches be reclaimed.

4th. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, if they should judge it to be necessary.

5th. To require the Clerk to record the proceedings of the Association (which shall be signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises at each annual meeting), to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, a file of which shall be preserved by him, and that he be compensated for his services.

6th. To amend this plan or form of government at any time when the majority of the Union shall deem it to be necessary.

7th. To adjourn to any time and place which may be thought proper.

ART. 16. Any brother from this body present at the session of any Association with which we correspond be recognized as a correspondent, and any of our members present at the Alabama Baptist State Convention may fill any vacancy that occurs from the absence of the appointees to that body.

ART. 17. Those brethren to whom is assigned special work in the Association be enrolled as members of the same.

ART. 18. That the Clerk be allowed twenty-five dollars ($25.00) annually for his services. (Adopted Oct. 22, 1896.)

MINUTES.

OLD MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH,

BARBOUR CO., ALA., Oct. 20, 1896.

1. The Forty-third Annual Session of the Eufaula Baptist Association was held with Old Mt. Zion Baptist church, beginning to-day at 10:45 a. m.

2. The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. A. F. Dix.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3. Bros. S. O. Y. Ray and A. R. Hardy read the letters from the churches.

4. The names of delegates were enrolled as follows:

Bethlehem—J. G. Sinquefield, G. W. Little.

Clayton—N. C. Underwood, B. Davie, W. A. Smart.

Center Ridge—A. B. Barr, Robert Hollinsworth, J. J. S. Willis.

Cowikee—Not represented.

Enon—Not represented.

Eufaula, 1st—Dr. S. G. Robertson, A. B. Bush, George B. Davis.

Eufaula, South Side—F. M. Patterson, A. B. Cumbie.

Evergreen—T. J. Mimms, H. J. Arrington, J. H. Mann.

Glennville—Not represented.

Hawkinsville—H. Hawkins.

Midway—M. P. Reynolds, H. R. Schramm, M. E. Pruett, John Milner, C. A. Jordan, N. C. Jordan.

Mt. Olive—B. Broome.

Mt. Zion—A. F. Dix.

Old Mt. Zion—L. L. Cockran, J. S. Boyd, G. W. Weston, J. A. Simms.

Pea Creek—Not represented.

Pleasant Hill—Not represented.

Pleasant Grove—C. C. Seay, C. D. Herbert, A. J. Kennedy, D. W. Cameron.

Prospect—Page Floyd, J. A. Baker, C. Richards, M. N. McEachen, W. Baker, A. M. Green, Albert Wan.

Ramah—E. L. Graves, J. C. Culpepper.

Union—J. T. Watkins, J. E. Fenn, S. A. Blakey.

5. On motion, the rules were suspended, and Bro. N. C. Underwood was elected Moderator by acclamation.

6. On motion, the rules were suspended, and Bro. Geo. B. Davis was elected Clerk by acclamation.

7. On motion, the Order of Business, as printed in the minutes of the last Association, was adopted.

8. On motion, the application of the South Side church, Eufaula, Ala., to become a member of the Association, was read by the Clerk, and it was unanimously received as a member.

9. The Moderator appointed the pastor and delegates of the Old Mt. Zion church as a Committee on Religious Exercises.

10. Correspondents were received from the Centennial Association, L. A. Mallory, M. Ivey, E. W. Starr, B. Broome, G. W. Harrison; Mobile Association, J. W. Dossett.

11. The following Agents of Boards were received:

Foreign Mission—H. R. Schramm.

Alabama Baptist—H. R. Schramm.

Orphans' Home—H. R. Schramm.

Howard College—M. P. Reynolds.

State Missions—S. O. Y. Ray.

Greensboro Church—A. R. Hardy.

12. Bro. H. R. Schramm was appointed a delegate to Centennial Association.

13. The Report on Home Missions was read By Bro. A. F. Dix, and was, on motion, received.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission cause appeals to us from more points of view than any other of our external religious enterprises. All can be said in its favor that can be said for missions in general, and, in addition thereto, the considerations of patriotism, ability to help beyond our own borders, and even self-preservation ought, at the present juncture of affairs, to cause very serious reflection upon our religious duty to our own country, and earnest determination to save it and ourselves, or at least our posterity, from impending disaster.

With those who believe that rank in civilization among the nations of our time depends upon their practical recognition of its Christian basis, and that the degree of enlightenment professed by any people is proportioned to the prevalence among them of Christian knowledge and sentiment, little argument is needed in favor of Home Missions. Moreover, that this proportion does exist is as susceptible of proof as any historical proposition.

In our own country the proportion of earnest Christians to the entire population has always been small, but while that population dwelt largely in the rural districts, they were more easily brought under the influence of religious instruction, and the temptations to which they were subjected were less numerous and less powerful; but now that so large a proportion of the people dwell in cities, and since cities have become more currupt than formerly, the grip of religious influence seems to be more relaxed, and the people are drifting more rapidly into immorality and irreligion. The artillery of Satan is brought to bear on more compact masses of the people and so compasses their spiritual destruction. The masked batteries of rationalism, rum and Romanism can bring to bear their pieces more effectively upon the people when massed in cities than when scattered in the country. Added to this movement of our own people toward the cities, immigration is filling them with those who come from the fields of Foreign Missions without having reaped the benefits thereof, bringing the poison of paganism and popery, or a corruption of both, which is the general form of skepticism into which those fall who leave either pagan or papal Rome, unless rescued by an immediate saving faith in Christ.

To acknowledge a need, however, and to supply it are two entirely distinct processes; the one is wholly mental, reached perhaps against the will, while the other must be voluntary and carried out ofttimes at great sacrifice by the combined action of all our powers. Such is the

the case before us. Our country is assailed by forces similar to those that overwhelmed the abodes of early Christianity, and made the mission fields of the Apostles the most difficult of all mission grounds of to-day, after the repeated baptisms of blood through which they have passed. Whether our country shall afford such mission fields to future generations of Christians, or continue to send abroad those who shall be light in the dark places of the earth, will depend upen the extent to which duty to home and country is discharged, and this involves keeping perpetually burning upon our altars sacrifices which yield the savor of Christ, which is the savor of missions.

It remains for us to say, not what we ought to do, for that is said to us by one who has authority to command: "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day," but whether we will obey the close of this command: "And having done all to stand."

What any church or people are able to do abroad will ultimately depend upon what they do at home. The stream of Foreign Missions can never rise above its fountain head in missions at home, and the force of its current will ever depend upon the fullness of that fountain. The same figure applies with equal force to the Home Mission work in its relation to churches. It can never rise higher than the missionary spirit and activity, self-sacrifice and prayerful zeal in the individual churches. Here are the Home and Foreign fields brought to our very doors.

Brethren, we are living in an auspicious epoch, an era of great contests, and the decision of mighty questions. Political, social and religious life is deeply stirred, and, in the latter sphere, no doctrine or duty or activity occupies the attention of Christians throughout the world as does the cause of missions. The subject is becoming all-absorbing in the churches and the touchstone of church and ministerial character. The minister that does not feed his sheep and his lambs on missionary food is run over by his hungry flock. Yet it is reported that only one-seventh of the Baptist churches of Alabama are alive to the spirit of the age. Only one-seventh of our churches are aware that they are in the midst of a mighty movement. Can it be that the "old ship of Zion" is like a mighty ocean steamer, which moves on irresistibly, with a vast load of sleeping passengers, while only the captain and his faithful crew are awake and aware of the movement? O that the six-sevenths might hear the cry of the lost world as voiced by the shipmaster who bore away the recreant Jonah shirking the same duty, "What meaenst thou, O sleeper? Arise, call upon thy God; if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not."

For particular and statistical information, your Committee would earnestly recommend the study of reports on Home Missions contained in the minutes of the Southern Baptist and Alabama State Conventions, also the periodicals published by the Board. Ample encouragement

is there found to labor, give and pray; and also proof that the Master is verifying his promise to the missionary, "Lo! I am with thee alway, even unto the end of the world."

A. F. Dix.

14. On motion, the following Committees were appointed to report at this session:

Foreign Missions—H. R. Schramm, Jerre Boyd, A. B. Barr.

State of the Churches—Jno. Miller, Warren Baker, S. A. Blakey.

Finance—J. E. Fenn, M. E. Pruett, A. B. Bush.

Nominations—F. M. Patterson, J. T. Watkins, W. H. McEachen

Apportionment—Dr. S. G. Robertson, E. L. Graves, G. W. Little.

15. Report on the Orphanage was read, and, on motion, was adopted.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Your Committee beg to make the following report: The Baptist Orphanage was permanently located at Evergreen, Ala., two years ago last November, and the property purchased at a cost of five thousand dollars. The debt has all been paid, and this valuable property is now free from encumbrance. It consists of eighty acres of land lying on Main Street, of which thirty acres are in farm, thirty in woods and twenty in pasture. All has been enclosed with substantial woven wire fence, and a commodious barn has been arranged.

In this Home has been received 29 boys and 31 girls; and out of it have gone, by adoption, 10 boys and 14 girls; by apprenticeship, 2 boys. Girls are not apprenticed, boys only are apprenticed in exceptional cases. The children attend the Agricultural School, and most of them are doing well. They all attend Sunday School and church, and are under firm, steady, loving control in the Orphanage. Eight of them have been baptized. There are more applications than there is room to accommodate.

A cook room, a laundry room, a dining room, and, since the terrible scourge of measles through which we have just past, it is very evident that a sick room is necessary. Let every friend to the institution contribute liberally that these much needed appliances be added as soon as practicable. More dormitories should be provided, so that at least sixty

children can be accommodated or provided for. Your Committee recommend that this Association undertake to assist liberally to make these much needed additions, relying upon every church and member composing the Eufaula Association to help as nobly in this as in paying for the property.

Four hundred dollars is now due for food, which the Secretary wants raised at once.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. JORDAN,
W. E. HARRISON,
J. W. ROBERTSON,
Committee.

Discussed by Bro. E. L. Graves, A. F. Dix, H. R. Schramm, S. O. Y. Ray.

Collection was taken up amounting to $2.90.

16. On motion, the Alabama Baptist was requested to publish the sermon of Bro. A. F. Dix, on Acts 2:47.

17. On motion, a Committee of Three were appointed by the Moderator to look into the advisability of assisting the South Side Baptist church, Eufaula, consisting of Dr. S. G. Robertson, A. F. Dix and Ira E. Myers.

18. The report on Temperance was read by Bro. H. R. Schramm.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Bro. Moderator and Brethren of the Association:

The subject of Temperance is one of the most important that can claim the attention of any Christian or philantropist or statesman or citizen. When we think of the curse, the wide-spread, deep-rooted, all-destroying curse of the liquor traffic, it is astonishing that any one with brain to think and heart to feel can look on with indifference. Behold the vast array of drunkards as they tramp, tramp, tramp by, reeling, staggering on down the road to temporal and eternal ruin. And were they tramping alone the sight would not be so terrible, the calamity so awful. But with them and borne down equally are wives and children, and often fathers and mothers and others who share the woes and suffer the shame and poverty and ignominy, though themselves innocent. It would seem that Christians and good citizens had borne with this alluring evil long enough. Why should those who know and feel the curse sit idly by? Why longer quail before the liquor power? Why fear to tackle it? For that seems to be the

difficulty, afraid to declare open war against this remorseless enemy that stalks abroad in our land. Preachers, politicians, merchants, bankers, business men, all feel the effect of arraying themselves in earnest opposition to the bar room and liquor traffic. If this, the prolific source of all evils, is to be dilly-dallied with, then what moral evil are we to fight? This mighty giant—this Goliath—that stalks abroad in open day and lurketh in the secret places at night and boasteth himself is neither invulnerable nor invincible. He is slowly but surely being driven from our borders. Three-fourths of the counties of our sister State across the Chattahoochee have driven out the bar rooms by local option.

We have had statistics as to drunkenness and its blighting curse in abundance. You need not that your committee repeat them. The question we would press home upon this Association and all its churches, and all Christian people, is, What are you going to do about it? Shall we close our eyes to the alarming pictures, turn a deaf ear to all the appeals of pity and mercy, or shall we arouse ourselves from our apathy, this sleep of death that has settled down upon us, and declare that this remorseless monster shall be driven from our cities and towns and villages and communities? We can do it if we will. In the name of our God, and in behalf of suffering wives and children and the poor victims that are being carried to death temporal and eternal, let us raise up our banner. Let our slogan be, For God and for Humanity—no room for bar rooms in all our fair land.

Your Committee would call upon this Association to adopt some plan of campaign, recommend it to the churches, and set about the work in earnest. What will you do, brethren, and how will you do it? Give us your plan of operation, let us decide upon it at once. Let us set our forces in battle array and call upon all Christians and all good citizens to join with us. Let us do this and go forth trusting in God and in the right, and if we will fight earnestly, valiantly, boldly, and with united hearts and hands, the victory is ours. God grant it. AMEN.

W. N. REEVES,
Chairman.

Discussion was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 8:30 to-morrow.

NIGHT SESSION.

Bro. A. R. Hardy preached from Luke 19:10.

SECOND DAY:

19. Bro. B. Broome conducted the religious exercises.

20. Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

21. Discussion was resumed on Temperence by Bro. H. R. Schramm, A. R. Hardy, B. Broome, Dr. S. G. Robertson, A. F. Dix, S. O. Y. Ray, M. P. Reynolds, G. W. Morrison, W. C. Jordan.

On motion the report was adopted.

22. The report on State Missions was read by Bro. E. L. Graves.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, the committee on State Missions, beg leave to make the following neport:

The State Mission Board has committed to its charge the raising of the funds for the prosecution of the work of all our boards, State, Home, Foreign Mission, Ministerial Education, Colportage Work and Orphans Home. We have no statistics of the work done by the board, but from what we can learn of its work through meagre reports, given us through the Alabama Baptist, we think the work of the State Mission board for the past year, taking in consideration all the surroundings, is one of the best in its history. We call especial attention to the Evangelistic work of this board, and we recommend a special fund, to be appropriated to this special work.

We further recommend, that this Association make a special apportionment for Greensboro church.

Respectfully,

E. L. Graves,
C. B. Gachet,
Jerry Kennedy.

23. The report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. H. R. Schramm.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee appointed yesterday, to report on Foreign Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

Foreign Missions. had its birth in the Council Chamber of Eternity, when God agreed to send his Son into the world to "Seek and to

save that which was lost." So Christ was the first appointed Missionary to this lost world of ours.

So, then as God appointed Christ first in his Council in Heaven, and then appointed John the Baptist as his fore-runner, God originated Missions in Heaven, and Christ put it in operation while on this earth; and when he left he had his apostles trained for the work, and so he said in his prayer, "As thou hast sent me forth, even so send I them forth." And so Christ commended, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Now, the heathen are creatures, and so the gospel is to be preached to them. Christ came to save the lost; the heathen are already lost, so they must hear of Christ and believe on him before they can be saved.

Therefore, it is necessary for their salvation, that the churches send preachers to the heathen to preach Christ to them before they can be saved.

Much on this line has been done by many of the churches; but much more remains to be done. Only a small per cent of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention contribute to Foreign Missions; but we are glad to report progress on this line; some churches that used to not pay anything for Foreign Missions are now contributing. We trust every church in this Association will contribute liberally to the Foreign Mission work.

The Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., has sent out the following statistics printed in the Foreign Mission Journal, which we give, which shows that the mission is progressing. Here are the figures of twelve years ago and now:

	1884.	1896.
Number of missions, native and foreign,.....	95	195
Number of stations and out stations,.....	42	226
Increase in membership, ...	175	775
Pupils in Sunday and day schools,.....	684	2564
Contributions on field, ...	$1,077	$5,553.20
Receipts in this country,.....	$80,465.87	$108,150.56

These figures, your committee think, are very encouraging, and we hope that each year will bring into the treasury of the Foreign Mission Board larger amounts, so that the Board will not have to pay so much interest on borrowed money to keep missionaries in the Foreign field.

We have missionaries at work in Brazil, Mexico, Italy, Africa, Japan, Southern China, Central China and Northern China: we have some men at all of these places, but we need more; others are ready and waiting to go, but the Board has not the money to send them.

Let the churches send these men and women, whom God has impressed to go to the Foreign field. Eight cents is the expense to carry a dollar to Foreign fields

We recommend that pastors be faithful in informing their members on this mission and that each church have special Sundays to pray for

our Foreign missionaries, and pay to keep them at work, and send others to help them.

We recommend that pastors get their members to take the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., single copy 35 cents, clubs of ten or more, 25 cents.

We would recommend every church in this Association to send to the Foreign Mission Board, and get a lot of the tract "Spoiling the Sermon" and have all the members to read it.

We also recommend the Mission Rooms, at Baltimore, Md., as the best place to buy tracts, for all information on Foreign Mission work, and feel that churches would do a good work to buy these tracts and distribute them among the members.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. Schramm, Ch'n.
A. B. Barr,
J. S. Boyd.

Discussed by Bro. A. R. Hardy, S. O. Y. Ray. Full discussion was postponed until evening.

24. On motion the committee on Apportionment was instructed to apportion $200.00 among the various churches for Greensboro church.

25. Bro. S. O. Y. Ray preached the missionary sermon, from Luke 24: 46-47.

Collection was taken up amounting to $7.29.

On motion Association adjourned to 1:30.

Afternoon Session.

26. The subject of missions was resumed by Bro. H. R. Schramm, A. F. Dix, S. O. Y. Ray.

On motion the State, Home and Foreign Mission reports were adopted.

27. The report of committee on Apportionment was read.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your committee on Apportionment beg leave to report the following:

First, we recommend that out of the $1,200 which this body is to raise for missions of all purposes, we give to the church at Greensboro, $200.

Your committee further recommend that the $200, set apart by the Association for this church be forwarded to Rev. A. R. Hardy, Greensboro, Ala., by January 1, next:

Bethlehem	$ 60 00
Clayton	105 00
Evergreen	12 00
Hawkinsville	20 00
Midway	230 00
Mt. Zion	30 00
Pleasant Grove	18 00
Prospect	63 00
Center Ridge	72 00
Cowikee	20 00
Eufaula	400 00
Glennville	10 00
Mount Olive	15 00
Old Mt. Zion	25 00
Pea Creek	10 00
Pleasant Hill	20 00
Ramah	50 00
Union	40 00
E. L. Graves	12 00
South Side	10 00

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. Robertson.

The report was adopted.

28. The report on Woman's Work was read by Bro. M. P. Reynolds.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Woman in her labor for the Master can not receive too much praise. Her labors in the gospel began with that of our Lord Jesus Christ. We learn from Luke that as Jesus went about preaching from city and from village to village, that he was supported by a band of women, who ministered unto him of their substance.

Everywhere and at all times, since the days of our Lord upon the earth, in all of our interests and causes for the extension of our Master's kingdom, woman has done what she could.

In our Sunday schools, prayer meetings, church work, visiting the sick and relieving the suffering, she has ever done more than man.

So far as we have been able to obtain report of the work in this Association this year, there are now seven societies in existence: Midway, Eufaula, Clayton, Ramah and Center Ridge, which contrib-

uted to the work. Hawkinsville, Pleasant Grove and Midway societies contributed for all, $125.00. Ramah, $16.68; Center Ridge, $5.50; Hawkinsville, $63.00; Eufaula, $1075.50: Bethlehem, only six months, $60.00.

We find that there is increasing interest in the work, and we would urge pastors, deacons and Christian women to make the best use of this valuable aid, in developing the spirit of missions in our churches. We recognize Woman's Work as an invaluable adjunct to the cause of Christ.

M. P. Reynolds,
Chariman.

On motion the report was adopted.

29. The report of Bible and Colportage work was read by Bro. M. P. Reynolds.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

The power of the printing press is one of the highest agencies in this world for the propagation of truth or error, and it is so regarded by all thoughtful persons, and we are happy to note that our people in some places are alive to their responsibility along this line, but we are sorry to note the fact that in our state work the Colportage work is entirely abandoned for the present; but while this is true, something is being done in many associations.

We recommend that this Association adopt some plan by which this work may be prosecuted in our midst, and we would further recommend the American Baptist Pub. Society as worthy of our hearty support; here we may purchase every class of denominational literature we need, and all grades of Bibles. We also recommend that we buy books and Sunday school literature from Bro. J. B. Collier, of Montgomery, Alabama.

M. E. Pruett,
Chairman.

Discussed by Bros. J. J. S. Willis, H. R, Schramm, B. Broome, J. T. Watkins, J. W. Dossett.

On motion the report was adopted.

30. The report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on memories, beg leave to submit the following report on the death of Dr. S. A. Holt, whom God has seen fit to remove from our midst:

Dr. Holt was born in Monroe, Ga., and was about fifty-eight years old when he died. For quite a number of years Dr. Holt lived in Hurtsboro, Ala., where he practiced his chosen profession, and made for himself a reputation as a true man and eminent physician that was known far and wide. Subsequently he moved to Eufaula, Ala., where he fully sustained his enviable reputation as a physician, and soon became a leader in church social circles. He was a good and faithful deacon in the Baptist church of Eufaula, and will be missed as few could be. We may truly say of him, a good, noble and true Christian has gone. But the Word says, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Yea! saith the Spirit, they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

We can not find words adequate to express our profound sympathy for his sorely bereaved wife and children, but we commend them to the care of him who doeth all things well, who is too wise to err, and who has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless.

Dr. Holt was noted for his deeds of love and his acts of kindness, and although he is dead, yet his noble life continues to shine forth with all who knew him. We feel very sensibly our great and irreparable loss, in the death of our dear brother, but our loss is Heaven's gain. All is well, he rests from his labors, and we bow in humble submission to the will of the Alwise and Supreme Ruler.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Baker,
Chairman.

Discussed by Bro. J. J. S. Willis.

31. The special committee appointed to report on the South Side church, Eufaula, Ala., made the following report, which was adopted.

Report as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To the Eufaula Baptist Association:

Your committee appointed to report on the Second Church in Eufaula, Ala., beg leave to report the following:

The field in which this church is located has been properly denominated a field for missionary labor amongst the operatives of the two cotton mills. Since the work was first commenced, there has been a steady growth and advancement among the people, largely due to the work of the first Baptist Church of Eufaula, Ala. Since they began to work with this people, the Methodists stepped in, organized a church, employed a pastor and began to take into their organization Baptist people who properly belonged to the Baptist church. This was the

effect of the Baptists delay in organizing themselves into a church. Many of our members scooped in by the Methodist church have not yet been reclaimed. With proper effort on the part of the Association, we may yet become a great light and a powerful factor in dispelling error and building up Baptist interests. This church being a part of our Association, we should first consider the wants of our people at home.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. Robertson, Ch'n.
A. F. Dix,
I. E. Myers.

32. The Report on Nominations was read and adopted. Report as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Representative to Southern Baptist Convention—W. N. Reeves; alternate, A. F. Dix.

Representatives to State Convention at Huntsville—H. R. Schramm, A. B. Cumbie, J. M. Blackman, J. C. Porter, J. M. Hobdy, E. P. Lipscomb, W. N. Reeves, B. Davie, H. Hawkins, J. J. S. Willis; alternates, J. E. Fenn, M. Floyd, A. A. Adams, Harris Scroggins, P. E. Florence.

Executive Committee—N. C. Underwood, George B. Davis, C. J. Stephens, E. P. Lipscomb, B. Davie, W. C. Jordan, J. G. Sinquefield and J. J. S. Willis.

To Preach Introductory Sermon—M. P. Reynolds; alternate, A. F. Dix.

Missionary Sermon--W. N. Reeves; alternate, M. P. Reynolds.

We recommend that the next session of this body be held with First Baptist Church, Eufaula, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1897, at 11 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Patterson,
J. F. Watkins,
W. H. McEachern.

On motion, Association adjourned until 8:30 to-morrow.

Night Service.

Rev. M. P. Reynolds preached from Luke 15:18: "I will arise and go to my Father."

THIRD DAY.

33. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. J. W. Dossett.

34. Bro. B. Davie read the report on Education.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Any one posted on the affairs of our country at the present time is well aware of the humiliating fact that our own loved State of Alabama is among those farthest behind in educational qualifications; indeed statisticians are responsible for figures showing that the degree of illiteracy is, with few exceptions, greater in Alabama than in any other State in the Union; we touch borders with at least three States that have by far outstripped us in educational achievements, and yet Alabama is doing and has done wonders in the educational field, and it is an assured fact that agencies are now at work by which an era of advancement is promised and the dawn of a new day promises soon to set in that shall eclipse all the records of the past. But the thoughtful Christian student of to-day's history of our times has not failed to observe another fact—that not alone in our own State but throughout the world the development in the broad field of education has neither more nor less than kept pace with the Christianizing influences of any particular period of time.

How important then when we consider the dangerous trend of the educated mind unaided by Christian culture—how important to the well being of the church and of society and of our Government itself that we give to our youth the advantages of Christian education. We speak of a Christian community, a Christian people, a Christian nation till as a threadbare adjective one of the grandest words in our vocabulary loses its force or becomes almost a curse to everything for which it serves as a label; but when I speak of Christian education I mean that the word shall have its normal force and meaning; I mean that our children shall have their educational attainments deeply and firmly laid on the religion of Jesus Christ as a foundation stone. Nor can we do this better than by giving our hearty and loyal support to those two grand and noble institutions, the Howard and the Judson—institutions where the pernicious spirit of Anti-Christ that seeks to dominate and control the public schools of to day has not yet succeeded in banishing the dear old bark of our faith and practice; institutions presided over and officered by true and tried Christian souls who stand as bulwarks of the great truths that secured and perpetuates freedom of mind and conscience throughout this sin-cursed earth to-day; institutions that are blessing all this broad land and country of

ours, not only by their grade of scholarship, second to none of other institutions, but by turning out Christian graduates to bless and adorn our country and our churches and our homes.

Your committee prayerfully hopes that discussions of this report may be blessed of the Master to the accomplishment of much good and that the just claims of our two grand denominational schools may be forcefully and fruitfully presented to this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Davie,
Chairman.

Discussed by Bros. H. R. Schramm and J. W. Dossett.

On motion, the report was adopted.

35. The report on Ministerial Education was read by Bro. H. Hawkins.

Report as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

No more important subject has claimed the attention of this Association than that of Ministerial Education.

That much good has been accomplished by many unlearned ministers of the gospel by their pious walk, their earnest and eloquent sermons, is no argument against an educated ministry. All must admit that had these men had the advantages of an education their work would have been much more grand and glorious and successful as ministers of the gospel.

The advancement of the age in which we live demands that the ministers of the gospel shall be educated. God is moving upon the hearts of his people to educate those who are to preach his gospel; for this purpose seats of learning have been prepared among them—"The Howard" and the "Seminary" for the Baptists. Shall we go forward in the discharge of our Christian duty and give aid to our deserving young men who are preparing for the ministry to obtain such an education as shall enable them "to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Paul, under the Providence of God, had been brought up at the feet of Gamaliel, learned in all the arts and sciences and the philosophy of the Greeks, therefore able and competent to meet and combat error with the most learned men of the age in which he lived. "For this very purpose was he brought up." Knowing the great importance and thorough preparation necessary for the ministery, he admonishes Timothy to give himself wholly to the work, to meditate and to show himself approved unto God, that he might rightly divide the word of truth.

Can less be required of the ministry to-day? But some say, We know Paul was learned and great, but what of the other apostles, were they not of the common people and uneducated?

Yes, verily, but were they not students for three years under the greatest, the grandest and the most thorough Teacher who spake as never man spake? And were not all that he ever taught them brought vividly to their minds when they were enlightened by the influences of the Holy Spirit? Who, then, can say that they were not educated? Were they not graduates of the highest school of theology known to mortal man?

The man of God who stands before the people to expound the Scriptures should have something more than an enlightened conscience and a consecrated heart. He should also have an enlightened mind developed by intellectual research and investigation. He should be able to grasp his subject and rightly divide the truth.

Professing to know something of God's written law, the preacher of righteousness should also know something of God's natural law; he should understand something of the creative power and wisdom of God in the arrangement of the universe; he should be able to show that research and investigation of the natural sciences have abundantly demonstrated that they are in harmony with God's written law. Thus armed, he will, like Paul, be able to combat error successfully in high places to the honor and glory of God.

HIRAM HAWKINS,
Chairman.

Discussed by H. Hawkins, J. W. Dossett, H. R. Schramm, B. Broome, B. Davie, A. F. Dix.

On motion, the report was adopted.

36. The report on Sunday Schools was read by J. J. S. Willis.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report as follows:

We find that there are only 11 Sunday Schools reported to this Association, with 777 members. This shows a great discrepancy when compared to the number of members in the churches in the Association, and demonstrates a need of greater effort in this line of work.

The interdenominational Sunday School association is fairly well organized in Barbour county, and we think it a potent factor for good in stimulating our schools to greater effort, and we commend that organization to our Baptist brotherhood for their co-operation.

J. J. S. WILLIS,
Chairman.

Discussed by J. J. S. Willis.

37. The report of the committee on State of the Churches was read and adopted.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Bethlehem—Good protracted meeting, well attended; good Sunday School, well attended; asks the Association to meet with them next year.

Center Ridge—Good meeting in July; 12 additions by baptism; Spiritual condition improved; young men's prayer meeting well attended; good Sunday School; good Ladies' Aid and Sunbeam Societies.

Clayton—Church in good working condition; no revival, yet a number of accessions; young men's prayer meeting; regular weekly prayer meeting, in both of which the spiritual influence is good; a B. Y. P. U. with upwards of 50 members; flourishing Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies; good and interesting Sunday School.

Eufaula—Spiritual condition better than last reported; weekly prayer meeting, well attended; Sunday School not so large as last reported; decrease in membership, caused by organization of South Side church; invites Association to meet with them next year.

Evergreen—Have prayer meeting, Sunday School part of the year; four days' meeting; church somewhat revived; spiritual condition good.

Glennville—No prayer meeting or Sunday School; decrease in membership.

Hawkinsville—Spiritual condition normal; organized Ladies' Aid Society; have Sunday School; contributions good, average $14.00 per capita.

Midway—Protracted meeting, resulting in five accessions by baptism; spiritual condition somewhat improved; weekly prayer meeting well attended; good Sunday School well attended; Ladies' Aid and Sunbeam Societies.

Mt. Zion—Enjoyed preaching twice a month by Bro. Dix, whom we have called for the ensuing year.

Old Mt. Zion—Flourishing Sunday School and good prayer meeting.

Prospect—Spiritual condition good; no prayer meeting; no Sunday School.

Pleasant Hill—Condition of the church not reported.

Pleasant Grove—Good protracted meeting; 37 accessions to the church; church greatly revived; good Ladies' Aid and Sunbeam Societies; good prayer meeting and Sunday School.

Ramah—Had revival; 2 additions to the church; Sunday School 12 months in the year.

South Side—Church constituted Sept. 29, 1896; church in good spiritual condition; weekly prayer meeting; good Sunday School and Sunbeam Society.

Union—Had revival, which did much good; spiritual condition of the church good; no prayer meeting; no Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MILNER,
S. A. BLAKEY,
W. BAKER,
Committee.

38. On motion, the Financial Exhibit was ordered spread on the minutes.

39. On motion, 400 copies of the minutes were ordered printed.

40. On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due to this community, and are hereby tendered for their bountiful entertainment for all in attendance.

H. R. SCHRAMM

41. On motion, the Clerk was voted the balance of the unappropriated funds, and a collection was taken up to supplement the amount. Amount of collection $3.80.

42. On motion, the Articles of Faith were ordered printed in the minutes.

43. On motion, a collection was taken for Sister Simms, amounting to $3.45.

44. On motion, the annual salary of the Clerk was fixed at $25.00 per annum, and the churches were requested to send money each year for Associational purposes.

45. The following Standing Committees were appointed to report at the next session:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Obituaries—J. G. Sinquefield, A. B. Barr, John Arrington.

Aged and Infirm Ministers—A. B. Bush, Howel Hobdy, Dr. W. A. Smart.

Temperance—A. F. Dix, F. C. Hall, W. E. Harrison.

Bible and Colportage—John T. Watkins, C. C. Seay, R. L. Baker.

Sabbath Schools—Dr. Robertson, A. B. Cumbie, A. A. Adams.

Ministerial Education—H. R. Schramm, M. E. Pruett, W. N. Whittington.

Orphans' Home—J. J. S. Willis, G. W. Little, F. M. Patterson.

State Missions—H. Hawkins, S. N. Cox, Page Floyd.

Home Missions—G. L. Comer, S. A. Blakey, W. Baker.

Foreign Missions—B. Davie, F. M. Grubbs, W. H. McEachern.

Woman's Work—E. L. Graves, J. E. Fenn, C. Gachet.

46. On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church, Eufaula, Ala., Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1897.

N. C. UNDERWOOD,

GEO. B. DAVIS, *Clerk.* MODERATOR.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1896.

CHURCHES.	State Missions—Cash.	State Missions—Voucher	Home Missions—Cash	Home Missions—Voucher	Foreign Miss'ns—Cash	Foreign Missions—Voucher	Ass'n Purposes—Cash.	Bible&Colpot'ag, Vchr	Ministerial Education—Cash	Howard College Building—Cash	Howard College Building—Voucher	Incidental Education.	Orphans' Home—Cash	Orphans' Home—Voucher	Minutes	Pastor's Salary	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc	Home Expenses (Sunday Schools)	Women's, Young People's & Children's Societies for Mis.—Cash	Women's, Young People's & Children's Societies for Mis.—Vchr	From S. S. for Missions—Cash	From S. S. for Missions—Voucher	S. S. Expenses	Orphans' Home—from Sunday School	Value of Property.
Bethlehem	$ 3 00	$ 6 40	$ 3 00	$	$ 3 00	$	$ 1 50		$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Clayton	31 14	54 52		9 00		9 00							7 87	17 13	1 50	600 00	75 00	50 00							3000 00
Center Ridge	1 55	13 37	12 37	2 54		6 45	1 50							20 00					1 50	2 73	2 99	6 18			
Cowikee																									
Enon																									
Eufaula, 1st		50 00	20 10		20 09		1 50			150 66	625 00			102 50		1290 00			3 45	32 31			134 00		30000 00
Eufaula, So. Side	1 00		1 00		1 50		50		1 00				50		50										900 00
Evergreen					1 17										1 00										
Glennville		6 10	1 90		2 00		50									85 85									500 00
Hawkinsville							1 00			9 00	50 00		5 00			41 35	64 00								
Midway		147 13		1 00		1 00	9 69				35 00			56 61	1 00	500 00				63 04		18 10			1000 00
Mt. Olive																									
Mt. Zion		7 65		12 85		10 12	8 75							10 00											1000 00
Old Mt. Zion			1 50		1 50		1 00								1 00										
Pea Creek																									
Pleasant Hill							1 30																		
Pleasant Grove	1 15		1 00		5 75		1 15				6 70		1 00												
Prospect	11 00	3 70	3 00		7 00								3 50		1 50	125 00									1000 00
Ramah		18 29		12 83		18 22	2 00	34			4 20			13 65	1 00	150 00		42 67						4 20	
Union		18 22	50		50		1 00			2 50			5 00		50										
Total	$48 84	$325 88	$44 37	$38 22	$42 51	$44 79	$31 39	34	$1 00	$11 50	$246 56	$625 00	$25 77	$219 89	$8 00	$2792 00	$ 139 00	$92 67	$ 4 95	$98 08	$2 99	$24 28	$134 00	$4 20	$36400 00

Hat collections at Association—for Home Missions, $7.29; for Orphan's Home (added in proper column) $2.90.

Grand Total—Cash $228.57, Vouchers $1094.07—$1322.64

STATISTICS OF EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1896.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POST OFFICE	Membership last Reported	Increase				Decrease				Present Membership	Sunday School Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Pupils	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	Preaching Sabbaths	Reports Prayer Meeting	Reports Revival
						By Baptism	By Letter	By Voucher	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Erasure	By Death							
Bethlehem	Barbour	J. M. Poyner	D. L. McRae	Clayton	118	1	1		1	3				118	5	25	D. L. McRae, Clayton, Ala	2	none	yes
Clayton	Barbour	N. C. Underwood	L. H. Perkins	Clayton	150	4	8		1	14	1	1		147	11	140	B. Davie, Clayton, Ala	1 & 3	weekly	none
Center Ridge	Barbour	H. R. Schramm	J. J. S. Willis	Mt. Andrew	83	12				6			3	86	7	71	J. J. S. Willis, Mt. Andrew, Ala	1 & 3	weekly	yes
Cowikee	Barbour				36															
Enon	Bullock				13															
Eufaula, 1st	Barbour	E P. Lipscomb	Geo. B. Davis	Eufaula	390	1	9		7	60	14		7	326	17	175	G. L. Comer, Eufaula, Ala	every	weekly	none
Eufaula, So. Side	Barbour	H. R Schramm	F. M. Patterson	Eufaula																
Evergreen	Barbour	Ira E. Myers	H. J. Arrington	Boyd	62				1	2	7		1	53	5	39	Thos. Frazier, Boyd, Ala	2	yes	yes
Glennville	Russell	W. D. Joiner	E. C. Perry	Glennville	11					3		1	1	6			None	4	none	none
Hawkinsville	Barbour	H. R. Schramm.	H. Hawkins.	Hawkinsville	6		1							17	3	22	H. Hawkins, Hawkinsville, Ala	2	none	none
Midway	Bullock	M. P. Reynolds	Geo. R Hall	James	189	5	4			18			2	178	11	107	Jno. Milner, Midway, Ala	1 & 3	weekly	yes
Mt. Olive	Barbour				34		1							9			Mrs. B. F. Kennedy, Clayton, Ala			
Mt. Zion	Bullock	A. F. Dix	G. T. Baker	Flora	51		5			2			1	53			None	2 & 4	none	none
Old Mt. Zion	Barbour	G. W Harrison	L. L. Cockran	Louisville	96	4	4			1	1			102	3	40	L. L. Cockran, Louisville, Ala	3	yes	yes
Pea Creek	Barbour				36															
Pleasant Hill	Barbour	W. D. Joiner			21									17			None	4	none	none
Pleasant Grove	Barbour	B. Broome	D. W. Cameron	Clayton	30	20	8		9		8		2	57	4	31	C. D. Herbert, Clayton, Ala	4	weekly	yes
Prospect	Barbour	J. M. Poyner	T. F. J. Green	Lindsey	144	5				3	1		2	143			None	4	none	none
Ramah	Barbour	H. R. Schramm	B. F. Gary	Harris	69	3	1		1	1				73	4	30	E. L. Graves, Harris, Ala	4	weekly	yes
Union	Barbour	N. C. Underwood	J. T. Watkins	Clayton	65	3	1			1	1			67			None	1	none	yes
Total					1704	58	43		20	114	33	2	19	1452	70	680				

Church organized during year—South Side, Eufaula, Ala.

W. M. Wood

East Lake

Ala.